

Legislation will provide New Jersey families with property tax relief

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler voted today for a bipartisan bill to provide middle class families with property tax relief next year. The Tax Extenders Act of 2009 will provide individuals and businesses with approximately \$31 billion in tax relief in 2009.

"New Jersey homeowners pay too much in taxes, and this legislation will provide needed relief," Congressman Adler said. "This bill will reduce rising tax burdens for middle class families and seniors. In Congress, I am committed to finding ways to reduce property taxes and bring tax relief to households and small businesses."

The average New Jersey property tax bill is over \$7,000 - the highest in the country. New Jersey ranks in the top three for federal taxes paid per capita, but last in the country in the amount of federal dollars, per capita, received.

The Tax Extenders Act of 2009 will allow single-filing property-owning taxpayers to take an additional deduction of \$500 and joint filers to deduct \$1,000 for state and local property taxes paid or accrued. The property tax deduction could provide more than 600,000 New Jersey homeowners with tax relief. This legislation provides this relief without adding to the deficit.

The Tax Extenders Act of 2009:

- Extends the R&D tax credit for nearly 11,000 corporations.
- Provides 30 million homeowners with property tax relief by extending the property tax deduction for non-itemizers.
- Extends the State and local sales tax deduction for 12 million families.
- Extends the college tuition deduction that benefits 4.5 million families.
- Extends the deduction for classroom expenses for 3.4 million teachers.
- Extends the tax cut for small businesses that continue to pay their National Guard and Reserve employees (if they are going to face a pay cut overseas) when they are called up to serve.

Earlier this year, Congressman Adler sponsored the Property Tax Relief Act that would allow all homeowners to deduct their property taxes. Currently, only taxpayers that itemize their taxes are allowed to take this deduction, yet approximately 55% of New Jersey residents do not itemize their taxes.